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Six Months After Hurricane Sandy, Installation of Jersey Avenue Footbridge Linking Downtown Jersey City With Liberty State Park To Commence Bike & Pedestrian Bridge Was Washed Away by Superstorm Sandy

JERSEY CITY –Mayor **Jerramiah T. Healy**, members of the **Municipal Council**, and other city officials will join community members in the commencement of the installation of the Jersey Avenue pedestrian bridge that links downtown Jersey City with Liberty State Park and which was washed out during Superstorm Sandy at an **11:30 a.m. press conference** on **Thursday, May 2nd, 2013** at Jersey Avenue and Mill Creek.

“We know how important this piece of infrastructure is to our residents, and that is why we worked with our OEM officials and our Engineering staff to find a way to expedite the replacement of the Jersey Avenue footbridge,” said **Mayor Healy**. “I am pleased that we will be able to open this bridge for use in the summer months.”

The new bridge, which provides vital pedestrian and cyclist access into and out of Liberty State Park, will cost approximately \$750,000 dollars. The City has applied to FEMA for reimbursement of much of the costs.

The installation is expected to be completed, weather permitting, by early June.

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